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RE: Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Dear Wally, Chip and Tara:

We are transmitting two deliverables to EPA that are called for in Wally's April 25, 2002 letter to the LWG. These deliverables are briefly described below.

Draft Data Quality Objectives. We provided you with draft Problem Statements on May 2 and are transmitting herein our current working drafts of the project DQOs. These DQOs continue to evolve as our consultant team refines the Work Plan and we expect additional revisions which may be significant. However, the DQOs as written will provide EPA with an indication of our overall approach to date. We are concerned, however, that the DQOs may be misunderstood by EPA and its partners because they are being provided without the accompanying work plan. The work plan will provide the overall context within which to understand and then evaluate these DQOs. We recommend that EPA review these DQOs now only for general approach and conduct a more thorough review following Work Plan submittal.

Draft Round 1 Sampling Overview Table. Also enclosed is the LWG's current working draft overview of the proposed Round 1 sampling program. This table will help EPA prepare for our May 15 meeting when we will present our proposed sampling approach for Round 1. Again, this table is a living document and will continue to evolve and be refined as we continue to refine our sampling program. Revisions are expected as the DQOs continue to evolve and as our consultants and LWG members continue their discussions on sampling strategy. Again, we recommend that a detailed review of this



information be performed in association with the review of the Work Plan and Round 1 Field Sampling Plan.

Please give either of us a call if you have any further questions or concerns.

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